

**What is Prop 1?**

Proposition 1 will establish a permanent Emergency Medical Service (EMS) levy not to exceed fifty (50) cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, to fund 24-hour EMS services, include basic life support and advanced life support paramedic services

**Is this a new levy or tax?**

No, this is not a new levy or tax; it renews the current EMS levy approved by voters in 2004. Passage of Prop 1 will continue the current level of service provided by the Arlington Fire Department.

**What does the EMS levy pay for?**

The funds collected are used for equipment, apparatus, training and staffing to provide Advance Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) for our community. At the current levels Arlington Fire/EMS provide 24 hour emergency medical response.

**Isn't EMS funded by the City?**

No. All EMS funding comes from the collection of the EMS levy and ambulance transport fees.

**What have voters approved before?**

The last EMS levy approved by the voters in 2004 was for six years at 50 cents per \$1,000 Assessed Value.

**When does the current levy expire?**

Current levy is set to expire in 2011. Proposition 1 asks voters to renew this existing levy and make it permanent.

**Why a permanent levy?**

First, the need for EMS in our community is not going away, the levy funding will cover the cost of conducting day to day operations, maintaining and replacing apparatus and equipment, and staying current with technology. Second, it will save our taxpayers money. One election can cost up to \$25,000 depending on what is sharing the ballot.

The permanent status will save the costs to renew the levy and provide an ongoing funding to ensure 24 hour EMS for families and businesses in our community.

**How much will my family pay for EMS?**

Home Assessed Value (AV)	Monthly Cost for EMS	Annual Cost for EMS (50 cents per \$1,000 AV)
\$200,000	\$8.33	\$100
\$250,000	\$10.42	\$125
\$300,000	\$12.50	\$150
\$350,000	\$14.58	\$175
\$400,000	\$16.67	\$200
\$450,000	\$18.75	\$225
\$500,000	\$20.83	\$250

**What is required to pass this levy?**

A super majority or 60% voter approval is needed.

**Whom do I contact with additional questions?**

Fire Chief Jim Rankin is available to answer any additional questions by phone (360) 403-3600 or email [jrankin@arlingtonwa.gov](mailto:jrankin@arlingtonwa.gov)